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SUBJECT: BENIN: DEMARCHES ON UNGA RESOLUTIONS DELIVERED

REF: A) STATE 178061; B) STATE 182267 C) STATE 184178; D) STATE 187018; E) STATE 188244

1) (SBU) Per REF A, on October 26 Pol/Econ Chief delivered reftel talking points to Thomas Adoumasse, Director of the MFA's Office of International Organizations. On November 10 Pol/Econ Chief delivered REF B and C talking points to Bienvenu Hounbedji of the MFA's Office of International Organizations and requested Benin's support.

2) (SBU) On November 17, Pol/Econ Chief again spoke with Mr. Hounbedji concerning the November 17 UNGA Emergency Special Session (REF D) to encourage Benin to vote against or abstain from the voting on subject resolution and provided the text of the draft resolution. Pol/Econ Chief also delivered talking points from REF E and emphasized the fact that the US sought support from Benin in the form of a "Yes" vote. Hounbedji said Benin clearly understood the U.S. positions on these issues.

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